

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, May 17, 1726.

From the Evening Post, May 10.

Amsterdam, May 19.

TH E Emperor, by his Accession to the Treaty of Stockholm, promises to assist his Allies, (Russia and Sweden) if Need be, with 12000 Foot and 4000 Horse; and instead of Ships of War, to give them an Equivalent in Money.

Paris, May 20. Private Letters from Madrid say, the Spaniards are under a great Consternation about the sending of a British Squadron into the Mediterranean, and another to the W. Indies. These Letters add, That it much disorders the Measures taken by the Duke de Ripperda.

Copenhagen, May 17. Last Wednesday Admiral Wager gave a splendid Entertainment on board his Ships to the Prince Royal and several Ministers of State. Our Squadron which is to join him, consists now of 13 Men of War and 4 Fregats, and will have on board the Regiments of Berner and Geisler. The rest of the Fleet is fitting out with all Speed, in order to follow. The Lord Glenorchy arrived here last Wednesday. This Day one of our Fregats with one of the English Squadron, sailed for the East Sea.

Amsterdam, May 14. They write from Constantinople, That an Order of the Grand Seigneur having been published both at Smirna and the Island of Scio, by which the Greek and Armenian Subjects of his Highness are forbid going to any Churches but those of their own Nation. Some People were taken up at Smirna for disobeying that Order, and resorting to the Church of the R. Catholics; but upon paying a Sum of Money they were released. Also Mr. Baresteille, a R. Catholic Bishop in the Isle of Scio, was taken up and loaded with Irons, on Pretence that being of Greek Parents, and not under the Protection of any Christian Power, he is still bound, as a Subject of his Highness, to pay Obedience to his Orders; however, he also got his Liberty for Money. The Consul of France residing at Smirna has also sent an Account of this to Mr. Andrezel, Ambassador of France at the Porte, desiring him to complain of that Hardship, and endeavour the Repealing of that Order.

Paris, May 15. On the 11th Inst. in the Morning the Cathedral Church of this City called Nostre Dame was in great Danger of being burnt down; for the Canvass with which the Choir is covered while the Roof is repairing, was by some Accident set on Fire; the Flames soon reached the Timber of the Scaffolding, but the farther Progress of the same was soon stopt. The same Day the Cardinal de Rohan set out with a numerous Retinue for Strasburg, of which he is Bishop.

London, May 10. On Friday last came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for Sudbury in Suffolk. The Poll lasted all Night, and there was a great Disturbance and Mobbing; but by the extraordinary Care of Thomas Newman, Esq; Mayor, Mischief was prevented.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, May 10.

Rome, April 7. We are assured, that the Chevalier de St. George is inclined to turn off the Earl and Countess of Inverness, to facilitate a Reconciliation with his Lady; who with the same View is to turn off Mademoiselle de Scheldon. Twelve Cardinals in short Habits have been to compliment both the Chevalier and his Lady on account of the Holidays. Cardinal Piazza is departed this Life at his Bishoprick of Faenza.

Madrid, April 26. Last Week the Count de Coningseck, Minister of the Emperor, and Col Stanhope, the British Minister, conferr'd with the Duke de Ripperda; and next Day they dispatched Couriers to their respective Courts. The Inspectors General have Orders to lay before the Council of War, an Estimate of all the vacant military Posts, in order to their being supplied by the King's Appointment. We see nothing but Couriers going and coming; and we continue to put the Troops in a good Condition, but there is no Talk of forming a Camp, or sending them into the Field.

Warsaw, May 1. The Crown-Treasurer being recovered of his Sickness, has renewed his Conferences with the Prussian Ministers, about the Differences betwixt Poland and the Court of Berlin. The Imperialists and Poles have named Commissioners on both

both Sides, to settle the Limits in Silesia upon the ancient Footing.

Vienna, May 1. The Undertaker who engaged to furnish the 4000 Horse for remounting our Cavalry, has Orders to furnish 8000 more before the End of July. 'Tis said the Court has given Orders against printing any Book for the Use of the Protestant Religion in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia.

Deal, May 8. The Six Men of War, and Unity Tender are still here.

London, May 10. On Saturday last a young Woman attempted to drown herself in Rosamonds Pond in St. James's Park between 12 and one a'clock at Noon; but a Soldier seeing her, jump'd in and drew her out.

Yesterday the following Malefactors were executed at Tyburn, viz, Gabriel Laurence, William Griffen, Thomas Wright, the three Sodomites, who were conveyed together in one Cart to the Tree; John Gillingham, John Map, and Henry Vigous, the three Highway Robbers, together in another, and John Cotterel, and James Dupre, two House-breakers, together with Thomas Billings, one of the Murderers of Mr. Hayes, in a third Cart: Katharine Hays being drawn thither on an Hurdle. A short Time before they were turn'd off, Map and Vigous attempted to escape from the Hangman; the former having on a sudden slip'd off his Halter and Handstrings, and leap'd out of the Cart; and the latter had likewise got off his Halter, but did not get out of the Cart.

Katharine Hays, as soon as the others were executed, was pursuant to a special Order, made fast to a Stake, with a Chain round her Waste, her Feet on the Ground, and an Halter round her Neck, the End whereof went thro' an Hole made in the Stake for that Purpose: The Fuel being placed round her and lighted with a Torch, she begged for the Sake of Jesus, to be strangled first, whereupon the Executioner drew tight the Halter, but the Flame coming to his Hand in the Space of a second, he let it go, when she gave three dreadful Shrieks; but the Flames taking her on all Sides she was heard no more; and the Executioner throwing a Piece of Timber into the Fire, it broke her Skull, when her Brains came plentifully out; and in about an Hour more she was entirely reduced to Ashes. She affirmed upon her taking the Sacrament at Newgate, that Billings was her own Son got by Mr. Hayes, 'tis supposed before her Marriage with him; the said Billings said she was then a vile Woman in not discovering it to him before he had any crimi-

nal Conversation with her. If so, it appears to have been a dreadful Scene of Wickedness, hardly to be parallel'd in History; the Son killed his Father, and assisted in quartering him, and lay with his Mother when his mangled Limbs were under the Bed. Thomas Billings was the same Day hanged in Chains within 100 Yards of the Gallows. Just before the Execution a Scaffold that had been built near Tyburn, and had about 150 People upon it, fell down. A Snuff Box Maker in Castle Street, and a Gentleman then not known, were as 'tis believed, mortally wounded; and about 12 other Men and Women maimed and wounded in a most cruel Manner: Some having their Legs, others their Arms, &c. broke. Some Part of the Scaffold being left standing, the Mob gathered upon it again in Numbers; and in about Half an Hour more, that also fell down, and several were hurt. Soon after another Scaffold broke down, with about 100 Persons upon it; but the People that were damaged by it, being immediately carried off on Mens Backs, and in Coaches, we must defer the Particulars of that Mischiefe, as well as what happened at the other Place, to another Opportunity.

We see here, just published, *FAUSTINA*: or, *The Roman Songstress*. A Satyr on the Effeminacy and Luxury of the Age.

Cuzzoni can no longer charm:

FAUSTINA now does all alarm;

And we must buy her Pipe so clear,
With Hundreds Twenty five a Year.

Either we've Money very plenty,
Or else our Skulls are wond'rous empty.

But if, &c.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, May 10.

Vienna, May 1. 'Tis said Prince Eugene will set out in a Weeks Time incog. for the Austrian Netherlands, to give certain Orders in the present Juncture. The Duke of Lorraine having declared to France, that he has a Mind to continue neuter; and that Crown having allowed him but a Months Time to consider of it, and threatned otherwise to send Troops into his Country, the Duke has desired the Intervention of the Imperial Court.

Brussels, May 7. The Count de Wrangel the Governor of this City, is advanced by his Imperial Majesty, to the Dignity of Field Marshal of his Armies. The Lord North and Gray is arrived here from the Hague.

Madrid, April 24. Eighty seven Persons, and among them 23 Women, have been found under the

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Ruins of the new Church of St. Thomas. The King has ordered them to be buried at his own Expence, and has caused a handsome Sum to be distributed to the Widows of the Masons and others who perished in the Fall of that Building.

From the Flying Post, May 10.

Warsaw, April 27. They talk of an extraordinary Diet to be held at Grodno about the Middle of August, about Affairs of the highest Importance, which can admit of no Delay. The Summonses for raising the Militia have been published in Lithuania. They talk of forming two Camps on the Frontiers of the Kingdom, each whereof is to consist of 24000 Men at least, among which are comprehended the Polish Gentry who have but one Horse. It is said the King will review them himself. If we may credit some Advices from Caminieck, the Ottoman Porte and the Cham of Tartary are resolved to send each a Minister to Poland, in order to make some Proposals at the next Diet.

Copenhagen, May 4. The 3 Russian Ships newly arrived from Spain are advanced as far as the Probestine, after having paid the Toll at the Entry of the Sound, like other Merchant-ships.

London, May 10. Four Regiments are expected from Ireland, G. Macartney having set out for that Kingdom to hasten their Imbarkation; and in case they are not complete, Draughts will be made out of other Regiments. 'Tis said they are to land at Bristol, march to Portsmouth, and there embark on board the Squadron design'd for the Mediterranean, and be carried to Gibraltar and Portmahon. 'Tis said a Detachment of the Guards goes along.

'Tis said the Parliament will break up the 20th.

We hear that 7 Persons were killed Yesterday by the Fall of the Scaffold at the Execution.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 12.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

THE Poles still continue deaf to all Proposals for Accommodating the Religious Grievances; the Apprehensions increase more and more: For in Case of a Rupture certain R. Catholick Powers have engaged to unite their Forces against those of the Protestant Powers. Amongst the rest, the Emperor and King of Spain have jointly represented to the Pope, That the Crown of France, under Pretence of maintaining the Treaties of Westphalia and Oliva, has made an Alliance with Protestant Powers, against those who defend the true Catholick Doctrine: And that the said Crown, in order to make good that Alliance, has not only exacted from the Clergy the ordinary Free Gift, but even 2 per

Cent. of all their Incomes. Wherefore, the Imperial and Spanish Courts, thinking they have as much Right to use the like Measures for Defence of the R. Catholick Faith, desire the Pope to give them Leave to raise the Tenth on the Revenues of the Clergy, &c. (as above.)

We see how well our Hopes are grounded, of having Satisfaction for the Protestants in Poland by the Interposition of the Emperor, who breathes more War than Peace, notwithstanding his Pretence to the contrary: Particularly, that his Accession to the Treaty of Stockholm is with no other View or Design, than in maintaining the Tranquillity of Europe in general, and of the North in particular; whereby he joins and unites himself to their Swedish and Russian Majesties, and engages, if the Case require, to furnish 12000 Foot and 4000 Horse, and such an Equivalent for Shipping as shall be reciprocal, and agreed on betwixt the Parties.

'Tis the general Opinion, That a War will soon break out. There is a Talk as if the Pretender was come to Liege (54 Miles East from Brussels). S. S. Stock is fallen under 100 per Cent. Mean Time we are pursuing such Methods, as must render the Attempts of the Enemies of his Majesty's Government vain and Abortive.

The Press for Seamen is exceeding great, so that the Fire-men belonging to the Insurance Offices, also the Watermen belonging to the Nobility, and others who have Protections, are not spared in order to the speedy Manning of the Mediterranean Fleet, under the Command of Sir John Jennings, consisting of 16 Men of War. 'Tis said they are to take on board a considerable Number of Land Forces.

Yesterday the Lords read a first Time the Bill from the Commons, for preventing Bribery in Elections; which sets forth, That the Laws already in being are not sufficient to prevent the excessive Expences in the Elections of Members of Parliament: For Remedy of such an Evil, and to the end the Elections of Members may hereafter be freely made, and without Charge, it is enacted, (besides what we mentioned in our former) That if any Person shall ask or receive any Money or other Reward; or if any Person shall, by any Gift or Promise of any Gift, procure any Voter to give, or forbear to give his Vote at any such Election; such Person so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit 50 l. to any Person that will sue for the same, with Costs of Suit, and be for ever disabled from voting in future Elections.

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This Day the Commons ordered the Collusive Seizure's Bill to be engrossed, with a Clause to enable his Majesty to purchase of the Earl of Derby the Isle of Man, in order to prevent Smuggling of Goods, &c. Ordered, That a Copy of the Records of the Proceedings of the Court of King's Bench against John Ward Esq; be laid before the House.

The Earl of Burford, Son to the Duke of St. Albans died last Tuesday.

From the Evening Post, May 12.

Paris, May 10. Orders are given to the French Guards to be in a Readiness to march towards Flanders. 'Tis talked 16 Companies of them will be quartered in Lille. Directions have also been given for putting all our Frontier Places into a good State of Defence, and erecting sufficient Magazines of Provision and Ammunition in such Fortresses where the Storm is likely to fall.

Vienna, May 4. Our Court being informed; that the French still go on with their Military Preparations in Alsace, is taking proper Measure for storing Philipsburg and other Frontier Towns of the Empire, with all Necessaries.

Frankfort, May 12. 'Tis still said, that a great Detachment of the Imperial Troops will shortly depart from the hereditary Dominions to the Austrian Netherlands. And all Advices from Alsace confirm, that the French are making great Preparations for War there.

London, May 12. We hear the Earl of Cadogan is given over by his Physicians.

Edinburgh, May 17. Whereas the Doers of Mr. Robert Honeyman of Gramsay have caused publish in this News-paper, of Date April 26 last, "That M. William Scot, Minister of the Gospel in Kirkwall, had wrote Letters to Mrs. Weir and Galoway, Ministers in Orkney; which Letters (as he says) are unjust, scandalous and calumnious" Therefore the Author of this Paper does acknowledge his Rashness in inserting the same, tho' formally signed by a Gentleman. And the said Mr. Scot does hereby notify, That these Letters containing an Account of Mr. Honeyman's Conduct in Mr. Weir's Affair, were not of choice made public, but in order to do Justice to Mr. Weir; and that they contain nothing but uncontested Matters of Fact. And therefore, 'tis hoped the said Representation will meet with no Credit or Regard.

WILL. SCOT.

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These are to give Notice to all Merchants, &c. who send Goods from Edinburgh to London, or from London to Edinburgh, or to any other Place in Britain by the Way of Newcastle upon Tyne: That Benjamin Atkinson, who was by many employed as Factor in forwarding Goods to their respective Places, being lately dead, and there being none of his Family to succeed him in that Business: That ADAM FILBRIDGE, who lives in said Town of Newcastle, and at whose House all the London Carriers lodge and deliver their Goods, profess his Willingness to serve any who please to employ him in that Affair. He has been employed in that Way these many Years, and is so well known by the most eminent Merchants in Edinburgh, and all the Carriers on that Road, that there is no Need of any more below your Direction, than, *To the Care of Adam Filbridge in Newcastle upon Tyne*, where your Goods will be forwarded with all Diligence, and a Note with the Weight and Charges will be sent along with it. N. B. He has these many Years kept a Book, telling the Weight and Directions of each Box, Parcel, &c. by what Carrier the same came, and by whom sent, to prevent any Danger of wrong Carriage.

These are to give Notice to all Noblemen, Gentlemen, Merchants and others, that have Occasion to transport themselves or Goods for London, in the UNITY PACKET BOAT of Leith, George Thomson Master, now lying in the Harbour of Leith, clear to take in Goods, and will sail for London with all convenient Speed, Wind and Weather serving, having good Accommodations for Passengers, and good Entertainment in the said Ship UNITY: The Master is to be spoke with when at Edinburgh, at the Leith Coffee-house, and at his House in North-Leith.

[5] That the Roup and Sale of certain EQUIVALENT DEBENTURES, to the Amount of £. 1368 sterl. of principal, with the Interest due thereupon from Michaelmas 1724, formerly advertised to have been within the Parliament-house of Edinburgh, upon the 26th of April last, was adjourned to THIS DAY being 17th Instant: betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Roup and Sale of the said Debentures, and Interest due thereupon, is to proceed the Parliament-house, before the Lord, Panscalland, or the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time.

Excise-Office, Edinburgh May 4th, 1726.

Whereas Mr. George Archibald, Officer of Excise at Falkland, was Way-laid, and most inhumanely beat and abused by two Men and a Boy, when surveying the Country Part of his Division, viz. betwixt Strathmiglo and Aughtermughtie, on the 14th Day of April last 1726. The Commissioners of Excise at Edinburgh, do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Guineas to any Person who shall discover any one either of them that were guilty of that Barbarity, payable by the said Commissioners, to such Discoverer upon the Conviction of the said Offenders or any of either of them.

Signed by Order of the Commissioners,
RICH. DOWDESWELL.

These are to give Notice to all who are to be opened the 24th Inst. for taking in Horses to graze till Michaelmas next, at the following Prices: A Horse 84. Scots, A Two-year-old 5 l. A Year-old, 3 l. Horses are taken in at 3 Pence per Night. The Parks are well watered and fenced.